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1. From 9 to 16 February 1953, no changes were discerned in the occupation of the Reuss Kaserne in Gera. At 10 a.m. on 9 February, 20 groups of 16 soldiers each received individual training with rifles in the barracks yard. Sixteen prime movers practiced driving in the barracks yard on 12 February.

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2. On 14 February, trucks each carrying 15 to 20 soldiers equipped with rifles and submachine guns drove from the Reuss Kaserne to the Panzer Kaserne in Tinz. The trucks left the Panzer Kaserne empty at about 5:15 p.m. At 6 p.m., an artillery unit with 16 prime movers, each towing a heavy artillery piece with a short barrel, 6 prime movers with no guns, 17 trucks, each carrying 15 to 20 soldiers, 1 radio truck, 1 ambulance and 2 trucks with field kitchens was detained at the Gera railroad station. The unit marched to the Panzer Kaserne in Gera-Tinz upon unloading. At 8 a.m. on 15 February, some of the prime movers and trucks were seen on the barracks yard. Trucks carrying members of the military band, left the barracks yard at about 8:20 a.m. The same trucks, also carrying members of the military band, were seen leaving the Reuss Kaserne the day before.

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1. Comment. Compare with the last report on Gera covering the time until 24 January. Another source reported that units of the 308th Arty Brig (US) moved out by road toward Remmeberg and Kayna on 9 February. The soldiers engaged in individual training, as observed by source of the present report, were presumably only recruits that were left behind.

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2. Comment. units of the 13th AAA Div from Weimar as well as units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle were shipped to Gera on 14 February. If the description that the guns drawn by the prime movers had short barrels were correct, the unit could have only been an element of the 54th Gds How Arty Regt of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from Halle which, upon unloading, stayed at the Reuss Kaserne only temporarily. On the other hand, there may be connections between the units of the 308th Arty Brig (US) in the Reuss Kaserne and those in the barracks installation in Tinz, which are still unidentified.

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